



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner

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RE: MPIA Request 19-0269

Dear Mr. Lipton,

On February 21, 2019, you submitted a request for public records to the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD"), you requested the following information below:

- Records and materials related to the solicitation, acquisition, and use of face recognition technology and related software and services.
- Agreements: contracts (including non-disclosure agreements), licensing agreements, nondisclosure agreements
- Bid records: Requests For Proposal (or equivalent calls for bids), sole source or limited source justification and approval documentation, documentation of selection, and other materials generated in the consideration and selection of the technology in question
- Company relations and communications: records related to meetings or follow-up actions with any vendors, companies, or other private entities marketing face recognition to this agency for immigration, intelligence, law enforcement, or other use.
- Financial records: purchase orders, invoices, and other memoranda and documentation.
- Marketing records: All marketing materials - unsolicited, requested, or otherwise - acquired from vendors of face recognition technology
- Policy records: any policy directives, guidance documents, memoranda, training materials, or similar records governing the use of face recognition technology for immigration, law enforcement, or other purposes.
- Training records: training material governing the use, sharing, or access to any related data related to or collected by the face recognition software/technology, including the legal standard that is required before using the technology

- Use and function records: Materials that describe the function of the software considered or in use by this agency, including emails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents.

The Maryland Public Information Act (“PIA”), Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, § 4-101, *et seq.* governs your request.

BPD currently uses facial recognition technology as part of the “Dashboard” technology system. Dashboard is made available to BPD through the State of Maryland, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). BPD has not engaged in any solicitation or procurement or purchase of facial recognition technology.

The BPD have not identified any Agreement or MOU between BPD and DPSCS that governs the facial recognition technology. BPD continues to probe whether there are any policies, training or use and function records related to Dashboard.

You have the right under PIA § 4-1B-04 to contact the Public Access Ombudsman to mediate any dispute(s) you may have with this response. You may also, contest this response by filing a complaint for Judicial Review in Circuit Court pursuant to PIA § 4-362. Please refer to MPIA tracking # 19 0269 in any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,



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